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COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1926

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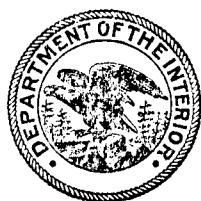
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President.—Percival Hall, M. A., Litt. D.

Secretary.—Ulysses G. B. Pierce, D. D.

Directors.—Hon. Wesley L. Jones, Senator from Washington; Hon. John E. Raker,¹ Member of Congress from California; Hon. Addison T. Smith, Member of Congress from Idaho; Hon. Sol Bloom, Member of Congress from New York; representing the Congress of the United States. Theodore W. Noyes, Frederic A. Delano, Howard L. Hodgkins, Sc. D., Vernon Kellogg, LL. D., citizens of the District of Columbia; Ernest G. Draper, citizen of New York; William E. Humphrey, citizen of Washington; the president and secretary of the institution.

FACULTY AND OFFICERS OF GALLAUDET COLLEGE, 1925-26

President and professor of applied mathematics and pedagogy.—Percival Hall, M. A., Litt. D.

Vice president and professor of natural science.—Charles Russell Ely, M. A., Ph. D.

Professor of mathematics and engineering.—Isaac Allison, E. E.

Professor of Latin and French.—Elizabeth Peet, M. A.

Professor of Latin and natural science.—Victor O. Skyberg, M. A.

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Professor of mathematics and physical director.—Frederick H. Hughes, M. A.

Professor of English and history.—Irving S. Fusfeld, M. A.

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Librarian and instructor in mathematics.—Edith M. Nelson, M. A.

Instructor in domestic science and gymnastics.—Cornelia R. Crane, B. S.

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Instructor in printing.—Frank B. Smith.

Instructor in drawing and applied art.—Hazel N. Thompson, B. S.

Assistant in mathematics.—Elizabeth E. Benson.

Assistant in Latin.—Maxine Tull, B. A.

Registrar and secretary to the president.—Margaret H. Keiser.

DEPARTMENT OF ARTICULATION AND NORMAL INSTRUCTION, 1925-26

In charge.—Percival Hall, M. A., Litt. D.

Instructors.—Grace D. Cbleman, M. A.; Elizabeth Peet, M. A.; Sam B. Craig, M. A.; Irving S. Fusfeld, M. A.

Normal fellow.—Maxine Tull, B. A., Millsaps College.

Normal student.—Elizabeth E. Benson, Maryland State Normal School.

FACULTY OF THE KENDALL SCHOOL, 1925-26

President.—Percival Hall, M. A., Litt. D.

Principal.—Sam B. Craig, M. A.

Instructors.—Helen Fay; Grace Ely, B. A.; Grace Coleman, M. A.; Margaret Daniels; Mary Hill Garman; Raymond T. Dunn, B. A.; John W. Blattner, jr., M. A.

Instructor in sewing and cooking.—Ellen P. Stewart, B. Ph.

Instructor in art and manual training.—Dorothy Hay.

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT, 1925-26

Supervisor and disbursing agent.—Louis L. Hooper, M. A.

Attending physician.—H. H. Donnally, M. D.

Dentist.—Charles V. Stiefel, D. D. S.²; Robert W. McCullough, D. D. S.

Matron.—Cora V. Troup.

Matron, Kendall School boys.—Hattie Baker.

Matron, Kendall School girls.—Estelle Menage.

Girls' supervisor.—Ruth Atkins.

Boys' supervisor.—Robert Morrow.

Master of shop.—Norman Herrington.

Gardner.—Edward Mangum.

Farm manager.—Floyd Ritter, B. S.

Chief engineer.—W. J. Muir.

¹ Deceased.

² Resigned.

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COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF,
KENDALL GREEN,
Washington, D. C., September 1, 1926.

SIR: During the fiscal year July 1, 1925, through June 30, 1926, there were under instruction in the advanced department of the institution, known as Gallaudet College, 77 men and 50 women, a total of 127, representing the District of Columbia, Canada, and 40 States. This is an increase of 5 compared with the preceding year.

In the primary and grammar department, known as the Kendall School, there were under instruction 30 boys and 28 girls, a total of 58. This is an increase of 7 compared with the preceding year. Of the total in this department, 50 were admitted as beneficiaries of the District of Columbia.

There were admitted to the institution 34 males and 21 females; discharged, 23 males and 22 females.

HEALTH

The fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, was an exceptional year in the history of our institution in regard to illness. Two deaths occurred in the primary department, one from pneumonia and one from convulsions. These are the only deaths which have occurred among the pupils of our Kendall School for over 25 years, and they caused great sadness among our children.

A few light cases of measles developed during the latter part of the year in the primary department, when there was a great epidemic of measles in the city.

In the collegiate department there were many cases of grip and two cases of rheumatic fever. One of these was a very stubborn one, requiring months of treatment in a local hospital before recovery. In the collegiate department there were also three cases of scarlet fever, two among the young men and one among the faculty contracted, no doubt, from the care of one of the student cases. All of the young men of the college were tested for immunity to scarlet fever and those who showed that they were not so immune were given treatment to immunize them. All recovered without complications.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION

The course of instruction in the collegiate department remained the same as during the previous year.

The course of study in the Kendall School was extended further than usual in order to prepare several promising candidates for admission to college, two of whom were admitted, in June, to the preparatory class.

NEEDS OF THE INSTITUTION

No action has yet been taken to meet the very pressing need for more dormitory space for our students, particularly in the advanced department. Every year there are so many worthy candidates for admission to the college that, for the past few years, it has been necessary to form a waiting list. The list this year has been particularly long and it will be impossible to accommodate some worthy candidates. The proposal to build an administration building to take care of offices, classrooms, library, and other activities now housed in the college men's dormitory, suggested for the past three years, still seems the best solution for the lack of housing.

The increase in the number of students in the college has averaged 5 per cent per year for over 10 years. It is evident, therefore, that not only more dormitory space should be provided, but also additions to the teaching force.

Attention has already been called to the great demand for trained teachers of the deaf and to the desire on the part of schools throughout the country that this institution train a larger number of young people for our profession. This demand, if met, will require additional instructors and room.

RESEARCH WORK AT THE COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF

During the past school year Dr. Robert H. Gault, of Northwestern University, has continued his special investigations in regard to the understanding of speech by means of the sense of touch. Particular attention has been given to experiments combining the sense of touch and sight and to work with young pupils. Encouraging advance has been made in this investigation and it is believed that the work will be continued another year through the continued application of private funds to the work.

The results of the survey of the schools for the deaf, made by Professor Day, formerly of this institution, and Professor Fusfeld, are now being published in the American Annals for the Deaf under the direction of Professor Fusfeld as editor. Valuable information as to the amount of hearing of deaf pupils and as to their success in speech and speech reading has already been printed as well as such information in regard to the organization and equipment of schools throughout the country. This work will be continued during the coming year.

STATEMENT OF THE DISBURSING AGENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1926

	Receipts	Expenses		Receipts	Expenses
AUTOMOBILES					
Salaries.....		\$721.57	COMMISSARY STORES		
Supplies.....		22.65	Salaries.....		\$1,017.20
Gasoline and oil.....	\$0.20	109.30	Supplies.....		16.38
Equipment.....	136.50	106.87	Equipment.....		10.99
Sundries.....		110.29	Merchandise.....	\$5.65	8,095.57
Repairs.....	7.00	410.29	Sundries.....		3.38
Total.....	143.70	1,480.97	Total.....	5.65	9,143.52

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Statement of the disbursing agent of receipts and expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926—Continued

	Receipts	Expenses		Receipts	Expenses
FARM 1					
Salaries	\$1.48	\$3,717.92			
Supplies	5.60	956.70			
Feed		4,659.00			
Plants and seeds		107.64			
Equipment		521.31			
Livestock	552.50	414.00			
Care of livestock		143.62			
Sundries	00.22	73.54			
Repairs		.94			
Milk	2,020.86	397.89			
Fruit and vegetables		10.85			
Poultry and eggs		703.82			
Total	3,386.27	10,991.62			
GALLAUDET COLLEGE					
Salaries	6.25	37,437.44			
Supplies		864.91			
Food	5.20	11,671.40			
Equipment	5.00	650.47			
Doctors and medicine	146.85	2,434.21			
Sundries		68.87			
Library	2.41	553.53			
Laboratory	2.67	440.13			
Printing office	1,181.02	857.53			
Tuition	5,050.00	205.00			
Total	6,399.40	55,183.49			
HEAT, LIGHT, AND POWER					
Salaries		3,545.36			
Supplies		172.67			
Coal		6,005.58			
Gas		1,312.60			
Equipment		61.59			
Sundries		12.69			
Total		11,110.49			
IMPROVEMENTS, RENEWALS, AND REPAIRS					
Salaries		7,313.55			
Supplies	103.46	3,214.76			
Equipment		137.15			
Sundries		5.60			
Contract	37.43	3,810.07			
Total	149.89	14,481.13			
KENDALL SCHOOL					
Salaries		15,619.93			
Supplies		431.68			
Food	2.00	1,819.11			
Equipment	.50	319.58			
Doctors and medicine	83.35	692.10			
Sundries	25.20	127.81			
Tuition		1,650.00			
Total	1,761.05	19,010.21			
LAUNDRY					
Salaries		2,556.50			
Supplies		6.35			
LAUNDRY—continued					
Equipment					\$17.03
Sundries					15.14
Total					2,395.02
MISCELLANEOUS					
Merchandise				\$1,432.53	747.01
Sundries				1,271.17	591.39
Traveling					688.04
United States appropriation				141,560.76	4,261.85
Total				144,264.46	6,288.29
NORMAL DEPARTMENT					
Salaries					980.00
Sundries					25.74
Total					1,005.74
OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATION					
Salaries					10,218.84
Supplies					85.65
Equipment					158.55
Sundries					14.57
Communication service				137.10	1,026.08
Total				137.10	11,503.69
PARKING					
Salaries					8.60
Supplies					7,455.43
Equipment					1,126.58
Sundries					75.02
Contracts					576.80
Board of horses					41.29
Total					585.40
SPECIAL					
Salaries					323.00
Equipment					4,059.52
Sundries					.18
Contracts					564.61
Total					4,947.31
GRAND TOTAL					
				156,823.92	157,070.00
RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES					
Salaries					14.85
Supplies					117.94
Equipment					694.50
United States appropriation					141,560.76
Merchandise					1,438.18
Sundries					12,997.69
Total					156,823.92
Total receipts					156,823.92
Total expenses					157,070.00
Cash on hand July 1, 1925				931.22	
Cash on hand June 30, 1926					685.14
				157,755.14	157,755.14

¹ The account of the farm in relation with other parts of the institution is as follows:

	DEBITS	CREDITS
Board and laundry of farm hands		\$871.27
Repairs		251.71
Sundries		108.53
Total		1,231.51
Milk		4,473.48
Board of horses		360.00
Fruit and vegetables		129.96
Livestock		378.16
Poultry and eggs		836.41
Sundries		.50
Total		6,187.51
Total credits		
Total debits		1,231.51
Credit balance		4,956.00

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STATEMENT OF TREASURER FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1926

GENERAL FUND

1925			
July	1.	To balance.....	\$699. 88
		To interest on investments.....	388. 36
		To refund Columbia Institution, general expenses.....	500. 00
		By National Research Council, research work, Dr. Robert H. Gault.....	\$300. 00
		By H. Ralph Burton, bookkeeping expense.....	50. 00
		By American Surety Co., premium on bond.....	25. 00
		By Union Trust Co., rent of safety box.....	3. 00
		By American Surety Co., premium on increased bond.....	10. 41
1926			
June 30.		By balance.....	1, 199. 83
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			1, 588. 24
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MANUAL LABOR FUND

1925			
July	1.	To balance.....	808. 60
		To income on investments.....	295. 00
		By salary account of teacher of sewing and cooking.....	300. 00
1926			
June 30.		By balance.....	803. 60
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			1, 103. 60
			1, 103. 60

MEMORIAL ART FUND

1925			
July	1.	To balance.....	232. 20
		To income on investments.....	24. 25
1926			
June 30.		By balance.....	256. 45
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			256. 45
			256. 45

SPECIAL FUND

1925			
July	1.	To balance.....	50. 00
		To receipts, Brenizer Construction Co.....	500. 00
		To refund on amount allowed president for expenses to international conference.....	46. 16
		By salary, acting president.....	\$100. 00
		By traveling expenses of president.....	406. 90
1926			
June 30.		By balance.....	89. 26
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			596. 16
			596. 16

EXERCISES OF PRESENTATION DAY

The sixty-second public anniversary of the collegiate department was held in the college chapel on Tuesday, June 8. The invocation was offered by the Rev. F. C. Smielau, Episcopal missionary to the deaf of northern Pennsylvania.

The orations given by members of the graduating class were as follows:

The Expanse of the Heavens, by Edward Ficht Kaercher, Pennsylvania.
 Books, a Prescription for the Mind, by Ethel May Newman, Washington.
 Siberia, the Land of Despair, by John Randall Wallace, Washington.

The following candidates were granted degrees:

Master of arts in course

Lola Maxine Tull, B. A., Millsaps College.

Bachelor of arts

George Alfred Brookins, Oregon.
Byron Benton Burnes, Alabama.
Robert Capers Fletcher, Alabama.
Edward Ficht Kaecher, Pennsylvania.
Victor James Knauss, Ohio.
Ethel May Newman, Washington.
John Randall Wallace, Washington.
John Gordon Young, Canada.

Bachelor of science

Marie Constance Marino, Connecticut.
Janie Simpson Curry, South Carolina.
John Samuel Reed, jr., Nebraska.

Certificate of graduation from normal department

Elizabeth English Benson, Maryland.

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson, director of the Department of Historical Research, Carnegie Institution of Washington, delivered the address to the graduating class and friends of the college.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. F. C. Smielau.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

PERCIVAL HALL,
President.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

REGULATIONS

1. The academic year is divided into three terms, the first beginning on the Wednesday before the last Wednesday in September and closing on the 24th of December; the second beginning on the 29th of December and closing the next to the last Friday in March; the third beginning on the following Monday and closing the second Wednesday in June.
2. The vacation is from the second Wednesday in June to the Wednesday before the last Wednesday in September.
3. There are holidays at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Washington's Birthday, Easter, and Decoration Day.
4. Pupils may visit their homes during the regular vacation period and on the above-named holidays, but at no other time unless for some special urgent reason, and then only by permission of the president.
5. The bills for the maintenance and tuition of pupils supported by their friends must be paid semiannually in advance.
6. The charge for pay pupils is \$500 per annum. This sum covers expenses in the primary department except clothing and extraordinary medical attention, and in the college except clothing, books, and extraordinary medical attention.
7. All deaf mutes of teachable age, of good mental capacity, and properly belonging to the District of Columbia are received without charge. To students from the States and Territories who have not the means of defraying all the expenses of the college course the board of directors renders such assistance as circumstances seem to require, so far as the means at its disposal will allow.
8. It is expected that the friends of pupils will provide them with clothing, and it is important that upon entering or returning to the institution they should be supplied with a sufficient amount for an entire year. All clothing should be plainly marked with the owner's name. The students are required to furnish their own towels.
9. All letters concerning pupils or applications for admission should be addressed to the president.
10. The institution is open to visitors during term time on Thursdays between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. Visitors are welcome at chapel service on Sunday afternoons at 5 p. m.